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#### NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Iln New York, prices ended the week unchanged. The market tone was steady to instances barely steady. Retail demand was moderate to very good. Supplies were sufficient to available. Breaking stock offerings were about adequate to available for a light to moderate demand. Light type fowl were about sufficient to adequate for the fair to moderate demand.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MIDWEST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged except for smalls to producers were 2 cents lower. Trade sentiment was steady to barely steady. Retail demand was moderate to very good. Loose egg sales were reported as usually light. Supplies were adequate to fully ad-

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equate.	RANGE	MOSTLY	IA-MN-WI	Prices pa	id to
EXTRA LARGE	86-95	89-92	producers.	Range	Mostly
LARGE	85-94		LARGE	67-76	71
MEDIUM	67-76	69-72	MEDIUM	49-55	53
_			SMALL	38-42	

MIDWESTAREA: IA,IL,IN,KY,MI,MN,OH,NE,ND,SD,WI,WV,Western NY, and Western PA

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was at best steady. Retail demand was moderate to fairly good. Supplies were adequate to available for immediate needs. Eastern region breaking stock offerings were about adequate to fully adequate for mostly normal processing schedules. Light type hens offerings were about sufficient to adequate for a fair to at least moderate demand.

RANGE MOSTLY

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 RANGE
 MOSTLY

 EXTRA LARGE
 94-108
 94-97

 LARGE
 88-102
 93-97

 MEDIUM
 69-82
 74-76

 NORTHEAST AREA: CT. DC. DE. MA. MD. ME. NH. Eastern NJ. Eastern NY. P

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, Eastern NJ, Eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment steady. Retail demand moderate to very good for the upcoming Easter holiday. Food service movement was mostly light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offers adequate to available for the light to moderate demand. Most breakers purchasing for nearby needs only and closely watching market developments. Floor stocks tight to adequate. Schedules full-time to slightly reduced. Trade sentiment steady to barely steady.

steady to barely steady.	RANGE	MOSILY
EXTRA LARGE	93.5-102	95-98
LARGE	91.5-100	93-96
MEDIUM	71.5-80	73-76
SOUTH CENTRAL AREA: AR, AZ, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, and TX		

<u>SOUTHEAST REGIONAL</u> Prices were unchanged. Asking prices for next week's deliveries were trending unchanged on all weights. The market tone was cautiously steady entering the weekend. Demand was moderate to instances fairly good. Supplies were adequate to at times available. Breaking stock offerings were about sufficient to fully adequate for a fair demand. Light type fowl were about sufficient to adequate for the fair to moderate demand. RANGE MOSTLY

EXTRA LARGE 94.5-102 96-99
LARGE 93-100 94-97
MEDIUM 71.5-79 72-76
SOUTHEAST AREA: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, Eastern TN, and Southern VA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

**NEW YORK EGGS** Prices remained unchanged on all sizes when compared to Thursday's values. Trade sentiment was usually steady entering the weekend. Demand was mostly moderate. Supplies were adequate to available for current trade needs.

RANGE
102-106
100-104
81-85

MIDWEST REGIONAL	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	93-101	94-96
LARGE	91-99	92-94
MEDIUM	73-81	74-76

**WESTERN REGIONAL** Prices unchanged. The market tone was steady with asking prices for next week unchanged throughout the region. Retailer demand seasonally good. Offerings ample.

**CALIFORNIA** Prices unchanged. The market tone was steady with asking prices for next week unchanged on all sizes. Retailer demand seasonally good. Offerings ample. Small benchmark price 91.

<u>CALIFORNIA</u> Shell egg marketer's benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

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139
138
131
111

# **SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS

PER DOZEN.	RANGE
JUMBO	239-319
EXTRA LARGE	229-349
LARGE	189-339
MEDIUM	159-309

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE

DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.	RANGE
JUMBO	122-127
EXTRA LARGE	120-126
LARGE	118-121
MEDIUM	98-101

CENTRAL REGION BREAKING STOCK Prices unchanged. Offers adequate to available for the light to moderate demand. Most breakers purchasing for nearby needs only and closely watching market developments. Floor stocks tight to adequate. Schedules full-time to slightly reduced. Trade sentiment steady to barely steady.

Prices in cents per dozen, delivered to breakers, 48 lb. minimum net weight per 30 dozen case, eggs from table egg layers. Packaging may vary.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	53-56	55-56
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	40-47	43-45
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CENTRAL STATES AREA: AR, CO, IA, IL, IN, KS, LA, MI, MN, MO, NM, ND, NE,

OH, OK, SD, TX, WI

**EASTERN REGION BREAKING STOCK** Prices were unchanged when compared to early week trading. Offerings ranged from about adequate to fully adequate for trade needs. Demand was only fair, as buyers were unaggressive and continue to closely watching further market developments. The undertone was barely steady to weak. Cases broken under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 24-Mar-2007 were unchanged from the previous week but 4% lower than a year earlier. The total cases processed under federal inspection were 4% less than a year ago.

Prices in cents per dozen, delivered to breakers, 48 lb. minimum net weight per 30 dozen case, eggs from table egg layers. Packaging may vary.

	,	RANGE	MOSTLY	
BREAKING STOCK		51-56	54-55	
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES		38-46	40-43	
EASTERN STATES AREA: AL, CT, D	DE, FL, GA	A, KY, ME, M	D, MA, MS, NH	, NJ,
NY, NC, PA, RI, SC, TN, VT, VA, WV	/			

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION - W/E 24-Mar-2007 (LBS IN THOUSANDS) (EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

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	CASES	LIQUID	LIQUID	LIQUID	DRIED	INED
	<b>BROKEN</b>	WHOLE	WHITE	YOLK		
CW	1,270,007	31,724	11,583	6,431	2,176	4,294
PW	1,242,469	30,858	11,596	6,090	2,339	4,348
LY	1,239,494	31,356	11,055	5,975	2,220	4,254
% PW	2%	3%	0%	6%	-7%	-1%
% LY	2%	1%	5%	8%	-2%	1%
2007	14,567,489	362,576	135,645	72,443	28,932	51,095
2006	15,175,520	373,676	141,643	77,537	34,986	51,801
% YTD	-4%	-3%	-4%	-7%	-17%	-1%
				CI	N PW	LY LY

Average Yield Per Case - (Inedible Included) 42.54 42.57 42.47 Average Yield Per Case - (Inedible Excluded) 39.16 39.07 39.04

**IN-LINE PRODUCTION** (of total production; lbs. in thousands; may include a limited amount of off-line source material)

	Cases Broken		Liqu	id whole
	Cases	% of Total	Lbs.	% of Total
CURRENT WEEK	613,848	48.3%	17,872	56.3%
PREVIOUS WEEK	602,097	48.5%	17,048	55.2%
LASTYEAR	583,676	47.1%	17,112	54.6%

NATIONAL LIQUID Pasteurized whites too few to report. Pasteurized liquid salt yolk at 52 to 54 cents fob. Trade sentiment was cautiously steady for whole egg, steady to barely steady for whites and steady on yolk. Demand was light to moderate for all liquid products. Offerings were adequate for all liquid items with yolk in the shortest position. Breaking stock prices unchanged from last week's reported prices.

Prices paid cents per lb., FOB Plant to 10:00 AM non-pasteurized trucklot. For delivery within 14 days.

CLASS	LOADS	RANGE	WTD	CHANGE FROM
			AVG	LAST WEEK
WHOLE	19	43-50	45.08	.75
WHITES	26	41.5-47	44.48	-3.00
YOLKS	10	52-53	52.90	.79

**CENTRAL REGION FROZEN** Frozen whole egg ranged unchanged with whites unchanged to 1 cent lower. Sugared yolk ranged irregular with salted yolk unchanged to 2 cents higher. Trade sentiment was generally steady on all frozen products. Demand was light to good, mostly moderate to fairly good while floor stocks were reported as inadequate to barely adequate. Breaking stock prices remain unchanged when compared to the past week's reported prices.

Wholesale selling prices (cents per lb. in 30 lb. containers) - TRUCKLOTS

	RANGE	MOSTLY	
WHOLE	66-69		
WHITES	66-69		
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	70-73	70-71	
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	68-70	68	

**EASTERN REGION FROZEN** Mostly prices were unchanged to slightly higher on salt yolks, and unchanged to lower on balance of items when compared to a week earlier. Demand and trading was seasonal improvement and reported as fair to moderate. Supplies were sufficient for trade needs. Trade sentiment was generally steady. Liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) processed under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 24-Mar-2007 were unchanged from the previous week, but 2% lower than a year ago. Wholesale selling prices (cents per lb. in 30 lb containers)

wholesale selling prices (cents per lb. in 30 li	o containers	)	LIL			
TRU	CKLOTS	(MIN. 25	CONT.)			
	<b>RANGE</b>	MOSTLY	<b>RANGE</b>			
WHOLE	62-73	66-69	70-75			
BLENDS (/)	<b>TFEWR</b>					
WHITES	64-70	66-69	70-78			
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	68-75	69-70	75-79			
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	65-70	66-68	71-76			
(/) - Whole plus yolk plus sweetener, generally 28-32% egg solids.						

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FROZEN Prices 1 cent lower on whole and whites, unchanged on yolks. Southern California breaking activity for the week ending 3/24 was 1% less than the previous week. Demand seasonally good. Freezer stocks adequate.

Wholesale selling prices, FOB Shipping point (cents per lb. in 30 lb. containers) LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.)

	RANGE
WHOLE	71-75
WHITES	70-73
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	75-78
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	72-75

**NATIONAL DRIED** Mostly prices generally trended lower when compared to a week earlier. Movement was only fair, although interest had improved. Offerings were still limited and in a range of barely adequate to adequate for trade inquiry. The undertone was about steady. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending 24-Mar-2007 were 7% less than the previous week, and 2% lower than a year ago. The total year to date production of dried eggs produced were 17% lower than a year earlier.

Wholesale selling prices, dollars per lb., in cont., Trucklot and LTL volumes. WHOLE 2.21-2.45 MOSTLY 2.22-2.35 **YOLKS** 1.35-1.65 MOSTLY 1.40-1.55 ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED 4.75-5.15 MOSTLY 4.85-5.00

BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)1.73-1.90

TRAIL FR I	TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR MAR 23, 2007-MAR 29, 2007														
CURRENT	LOADS	SE	58.2		FU'	TURE LO		34.00			OTAL LO		92.25	2007 SW	
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	69.83	73.00	70.70	72.27	62.00	71.88	32.00	GNR W 1	_	77.00		_	_	_	8.00
GNR W 2	_	_	_	_	_	64.00	3.00	GLWJ	_	_	70.50	_	71.50	77.08	6.50
GL W J	_	_	86.00	88.00	63.17	_	4.00	GL W XL	_	86.00	_	_	_	76.29	4.75
GL W XL	_	74.92	79.20	77.38	64.12	67.00	21.00	GL W LG	_	76.74	_	91.77	_	66.00	11.00
GL W LG	_	86.00	53.75	64.10	62.60	80.00	19.50	GL W MD	55.50	64.86	_	62.63	56.00	62.97	14.00
GL W MD	68.00	62.00	61.50	62.84	52.11	_	17.50	GL BR XL	61.00	_	_	_	_	66.00	.50
GL W SM	49.00	53.00	49.00	51.50	48.00	_	3.00	GL BR LG	60.00	_	_	_	_	65.00	.75
NRBS - 50	_	_	_	_	_	_	4.00	NRBS - 50	_	_	_	_	_	_	4.00
NRBS - 48	_	_	_	_	_	54.97	31.00								
NRBS - 45	_	_	_	_	_	52.00	1.00								
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WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT-MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED. LOAD MOVEMENT REPRESENTS TOTAL MOVEMENT WITHIN 6 REGIONS.

#### LIGHT TYPE HENS

CENTS PER HEAD, GENERALLY FOR REMOVAL WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS (INCLUDES HANDLING, FREIGHT AND ANY OTHER CHARGES, WEIGHTS AVERAGE ABOUT 3.50 POUNDS)

**EASTERN LIGHT LIVE HEN** Prices were unchanged to slightly lower when compared to a week earlier. Demand was fair to at least moderate for the about adequate to adequate offerings of light type hens. Processing schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was RANGE **MAJORITY** steady. **REMOVAL COST** 5-12 7-9

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Negotiations were light and TFEWR. Offerings easily covered processing needs. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were fair. Disposal costs were expected to remain constant. **RANGE MAJORITY** REMOVAL COST TOO FEW TO REPORT

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Removal costs were unchanged. Offerings were in close balance to adequate while demand was reported as fair to fairly good. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady. **RANGE** MAJORITY REMOVALCOST 2-9 2-5.5

#### SHELL EGGS-COMBINED REGIONAL

Average prices on sales to volume buyers, Grade A Large or better, White eggs in cartons, delivered warehouse, cents per dozen.

REGIONS	<b>EX LARGE</b>	LARGE	MEDIUM	
NORTHEAST	95.50	95.00	75.00	
SOUTHEAST	97.50	95.50	74.00	
MIDWEST	90.50	88.50	70.50	
SOUTH CENTRAL	96.50	94.50	74.50	
COMBINED REGIO	NAL 95.02	93.38	73.52	

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

**NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET** Trading for heavy canners were too few to report; unchanged on lights when compared to the previous week. Offerings of both light and heavy canners were generally adequate for current needs with most available supplies of heavy canners being used internally. Demand was moderate to at least moderate. Processing schedules were noted as normal. The undertone was steady to fully steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST LIGHT CANNER HENS **HEAVY CANNER HENS** 

(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS) (WITHOUT NECKS)

23-31 MAJORITY 26-28 TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS **HEAVY CANNER HENS** (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS) (WITHOUT NECKS)

24-33.5 MAJORITY 29-31 TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

# **LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION** W/E 24-MAR-07 U.S. fowl slaughtered domestically

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
		—Thousands——	
Head	1,115	1,138	2,253
Last Week	1,223	1,220	2,443
Same week yr ago	1,082	1,562	2,644
To-date/2007	13,340	16,081	29,421
To-date/2006	14,597	17,219	31,816

#### U.S. fowl slaughtered in Canada

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	Light	Heavy	Total			
	Hens	Hens	Hens			
		-Thousands				
Head	192	0	192			
Last Week	293	0	293			
Same week yr ago	144	0	144			
To-date/2007	2,558	14	2,572			
To-date/2006	3,012	7	3,019			

Data Source: Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, AISD, AID, Poultry Section

Total U.S. fowl slaughtered in the U.S. and Canada

	Light	Heavy	Total		
	Hens	Hens	Hens		
		Thousands	<del></del> -		
Head	1,307	1,138	2,445		
Last Week	1,516	1,220	2,736		
Same week yr ago	1,226	1,562	2,788		
To-date/2007	15,898	16,095	31,993		
To-date/2006	17,609	17,226	34,835		
SOURCE: USDA AMS Poultry Programs, Market News & Analysis Branch					

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#### **INSPECTED EGG PRODUCTS-**

### **U.S. & CANADA IMPORT/EXPORT TRADE**

# U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)

Week Ending Ma	Year-To	-Date		
TYPE	2007	2006 1/	2007 2/	2006
Liquid	241	156	1,338	2,087
Frozen	0	0	5	40
Dried	0	26	168	146
Total	241	182	1,511	2,273

#### U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)

Week Ending March 17, 2007			Year-To-	-Date
TYPE	2007	2006 1/	2007 2/	2006
Liquid	567	97	3,698	638
Frozen	2	12	113	201
Dried	40	0	156	41
Total	609	109	3,967	880

#### **Inspected Shell Eggs**

# U.S Exports To Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)

Week Ending M	1arch 17, 200	Year-To	o-Date		
TYPE	2007	2006 1/	2007 2/	2006	
Jumbo	0	0	0	150	
Extra Large	1,089	2,070	3,639	12,480	
Large	5,190	2,050	12,481	15,155	
Medium	3,300	2,070	7,715	14,975	
Ungraded	4,500	4,560	10,380	8,510	
Misc	0	0	85	810	
Total	14,079	10,750	34,300	52,080	
1/ Comparable Wook to date figures may not total due to rounding					

<sup>1/</sup> Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding. 2/ Includes revisions to previous week(s).

Data Source: Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, AISD, AID, Poultry Section Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News & Analysis Branch.

#### **Consuming Centers** Atlanta 30.0 **Boston** 2.6

W/E 24-Mar-2007

San Francisco

4 Week Moving Avg.

Total

Selected

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT

**CASES** 

(IN THOUS)

180.8

628.9

275.1

195.7

190.8

1536.1

**MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS** 

CW

17.4

302.3

287.6

64.8

Areas Covered: North Atlantic (ME, VT, MA, RI, CT, NH, NY, PA, NJ, MD, DE)

East North Central (WI,IL,MI,OH,IN) West North Central (IA,MN,MO,KS,SD) South Atlantic (SC,NC,VA,GA,FL,KY) South Central (TN,AL,AR,MS,OK)

LW

17.2

288.3

W/E 24-Mar-2007

East North Central

West North Central

Matched plants reporting

West (CA,CO,WA,OR,UT)

**REGIONS** 

North Atlantic

South Atlantic

South Central

West

Total

(Receipts From Producers)

PW

2

-7

-6

-6

2

-3

-5

82

**PERCENT CHANGE FROM** 

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-8

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-3

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-2

82

**PERCENT CHANGE** 

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-4

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-10

25.3 19 16 2.6 0 -13 Chicago 80.0 76.3 5 -12 Detroit 19.8 14.5 37 -15 Kansas City 5.1 5.6 -9 11 Los Angeles 98.3 101.0 -3 -13 New Orleans -5 -2 5.4 5.7 New York 27.2 12 -6 30.4 St. Louis 12.9 3 -28 13.3

(In Thousands)

<u>COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS -</u> Selected Centers (Incl. Gov't Stocks)

	Froz	en Eggs/LBS	Turkeys/LBS	Processed other Poultry/LBS				
(THOUSANDS)								
AM	03/26/07	3,295	72,535	51,763				
AM	03/01/07	3,312	69,187	54,570				
CHG		-17	3348	-2807				
PCT CHG		-1%	5%	-5%				

NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG REPORT Mar 27, 2007									
Prices paid per dozen Grade A Brown eggs in cartons delivered store door.									
EXT	RA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL					
MAINE	141	138	108	82					
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-					
NEW HAMPSHIRE	133-137	130-134	101-105	75-79					
MOSTLY	135-136	132-133	103-104	77-78					
RHODE ISLAND	140-144	137-141	107-111	81-85					
MOSTLY	140	137	107	81					
VERMONT	141	138-139	108-109	-					
MOSTLY	-	138	108	-					

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